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Summary

The attached letter from Mr. Rajat Saha, Acting Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to Ms. Anne Veneman, Executive Director of UNICEF, contains the comments of the Advisory Committee on the "Supplementary appropriation for the biennial support budget for 2004-2005 for security-related costs" (E/ICEF/2005/AB/L.7).

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Advisory Committee on
Administrative and Budgetary Questions

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Dear Ms. Veneman,

The Advisory Committee considered your report on the supplementary appropriation for UNICEF's biennial support budget for 2004-2005 for security related costs (E/ICEF/2005/AB/L.7).

The Committee recalls General Assembly resolution 59/276 of 23 December 2004 by which it was decided inter-alia to maintain existing arrangements with regard to cost-sharing for safety and security among the United Nations organizations, funds and programmes as recommended by the Advisory Committee (A/59/539). As a result, you have calculated that UNICEF's related additional requirements for the biennium 2004-2005 would amount to $5.2 million. As shown in the table included in your report and in view of the available provision of $1.92 million in the approved 2004-2005 budget, the net additional funds required would amount to a rounded total of $3 million.

As indicated in your report, the Executive Board, in its decision 2003/17, approved a specific allocation amounting to $14 million for security related provisions in the biennial support budget for 2004-2005 of which, as indicated in your report, $10.7 million has been already allocated. The balance of $3.3 million is reserved to cover unforeseen security-related costs for the remainder of the biennium. According to your representative, the additional requirement now under consideration is not considered unforeseen; the total allocation for security-related provisions in the biennial support budget for 2004-2005 would therefore increase from $14 million to $17 million as the result of General Assembly resolution 59/276.

The Committee was informed that if security related funds are not used they are put back into regular resources. However, the Committee is of the opinion that any balances related to resources allocated for safety and security purposed should be segregated and carried over for future security-related requirements, thus reducing required provisions for the same purpose in future budget submissions. The

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Advisory Committee expects, therefore, that proposed provisions for safety and security for the biennium 2006-2007 will take into account any related available balances.

Subject to the foregoing, the Advisory Committee recommends approval of the supplementary budget appropriation of $3 million to cover the additional security-related costs for the biennium 2004-2005 arising from General Assembly resolution 59/276.

I should be grateful if you would place the Advisory Committee's letter before the Executive Board at its forthcoming session.

Yours sincerely,

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